

## March Jnr 12 V Thorney Jnr 15

Having given a good account of themselves last week, Thorney rugby club invited the young Bears back for a rematch against their Jnr side again. When Thorney officially opened their new facilities.

March were still on a high from their previous weeks win against Thorney Jnr, and were hoping to complete at the double over Thorney.

What March came up against was a Thorney side determined not to lose two games in a row. From the kick off Thorney tested the resolve of the young bears, the young bears defending everything that Thorney could throw at them.

With the home side starting to become frustrated, with their attacking platform, March broke away against the run of play to touch down via a Sam Austin try converted by Tom Kelly.

Again Thorney mounted a siege on March's try line, but again the defence stood firm, stealing the ball from a maul March powered up field and No 8 Chris Clements stormed over just before half time to increase March's lead 12- 0.

From the restart Thorney again started to dominate the rucking and mauling, but again March's defensive line refused to buckle, thundering tackles from the backs James Beresford, Johnny Stinson, Danny Boyle, Jake Shailes kept Thorney at bay, scrum half Seb Atkins acting like a sweeper, along side Flanker Tom Kelly stopped any second phase ball that Thorney attempted to use

With Thorney making several changes to their sides with an abundance of replacements, March slowly started to tire with only three replacements, to use. The more Fresh side of Thorney started to find space out side, and exploited this to score their first try, which was unconverted.

Again March dug deep into their empty fuel tanks, and came close to scoring, but the quick winger from Thorney pounced on the loose ball to touch down in the corner to reduce the score to 12-10.

With time ticking away March again defended brilliantly, with only 45 seconds to go Thorney were awarded a penalty 5 yards out, and from the resulting play from Thorney's forwards touched down in the corner, to win the game 15-12.

This was a game both sides can walk with their heads held high, the attacking dominance of Thorney and outstanding defensive work of the young Bears. It was an enthralling game provided by the young players of Thorney Rugby club and March Bears RUFC.

To pick out a man of the Match for the young bears was a difficult decision, but the brilliant reading of the game and tackling of young Johnny Stinson caught the eye of March's coaching staff.